[Mr. C. Ramankunju.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer is in the negative.

Separation of Revenue and Judicial functions.

50. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Do the Government intend to completely divest revenue officers of their judicial powers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Bombay Salt for Piravam Circle.

51. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the present prohibition of the sale of Bombay salt in places included in the Piravam Circle?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: There is no such prohibition.

Punishments inflicted on Policemen.

52. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the punishments inflicted on policemen, both judicially and departmentally, during the last ten years, together with the nature of the offence committed by them in each case?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information, as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Wells in South Travancore.

53. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to prepare and lay on the table a statement containing the following items of information in connection with the annual sinking of wells in places in South Travancore where drinking water is not available, from 1061 to 1097, as per the command of His Highness the Maha Raja in 1061 M. E:

(i) the number of wells sunk and the places where they have been sunk;

(ii) the amount expended each year for sinking them; and

(iii) the amount expended each year for their maintenance?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government do not propose to call for the information as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of all proportion to its utility.

Reservation of Lands in the Kartikapalli and Karunagapalli Taluks for Assignment to Arayans.

54. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: As no *puduval* lands are available on the sea-coast of the Kartikapalli and Karunagapalli taluks and as the narrow strip of land between the main canal and the sea is annually washed away by the sea, will the Government be pleased to reserve all the unregistered lands now available between the sea and the main

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canal in the said taluks for assignment to poor Arayans and persons who lose their lands by encroachment of the sea and the Kayankulam backwater?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Special Officer for Assignment of Lands to Depressed Classes.

55. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: (*a*) Is it known to the Government that taluk officers and their subordinates in many cases are not sympathetic in earmarking lands for assignment to depressed classes and that they take little interest in disposing of such applications?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and appoint a sympathetic special officer of the rank of Division Assistant to receive and dispose of applications from depressed classes for the registry of *puduval* lands?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government do not share the member's apprehension.

(*b*) G. O's. Dis. No. 1464 of 21/Revenue, dated the 30th September, 1921, and Dis. No. 92 of 22/Revenue, dated the 20th January, 1922, lay down clear instructions on the subject of assignment of lands on concessional terms to members of the depressed classes. Instructions have been issued for lands being earmarked in as many *pakuthies* as possible for assignment to the members of the depressed classes in proportion to their population. Provision has also been made for copies of the lists of such lands being hung up conspicuously at taluk and village offices and similar copies being furnished free on demand to the leaders of the depressed communities concerned Special registers have been opened in taluk offices and special returns showing progress made in the assignment of lands to the depressed classes are being sent monthly to the Peishkars, quarterly to the Land Revenue Commissioner and half-yearly to Government, to enable the officers to watch the progress from time to time made in this respect. Government do not therefore consider it necessary either to make any enquiry into the matter at present or to appoint a special officer for the sole purpose of assigning lands to the depressed classes.

Conduct of Mr. C. S. Subrahmanyan Poti.

56. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Are the Government aware that Mr. C. S. Subrahmanyan Poti, Assistant Inspector of Schools, takes sides and has been complained against by parties in criminal cases, and in some cases even by the Police?

MR. S PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Government have no information.

List of Grant-in-aid Reading Rooms.

57. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of grant-in-aid reading rooms and libraries, with their respective grants?

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